

# Arts in the Parks

## Tippecanoe River State Park Property Profile

Website: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2965.htm>

### Key Messages/Stories:

- In the 1930's the United State Department of the Interior came to Winamac and began purchasing land and through the Works Progress Administration (WPA) developed it into a Recreation Demonstration Area.
- In 1943 the federal government gave possession of this property to the State of Indiana to be operated as Indiana's 11<sup>th</sup> State Park. Today Tippecanoe River State Park comprises 2,785 acres of mostly wooded sand hills and river bottom. The Tippecanoe River itself is listed as one of the 10 most ecologically significant river in the entire country and borders the park for 7 miles on the eastern side.

### Top Five Things to Do:

- Overnight camping at one of the many facilities; including electric campground, primitive horse campground, primitive canoe campground, and one-room, Rent-a-Camp Cabins.
- Canoeing or kayaking on the Tippecanoe River
- Climb the Fire Tower and enjoy the view
- Enjoy 23 miles of hiking and bridle trails.
- Wildlife Watching; Tippecanoe is an oasis for birds and other wildlife in northeast Indiana and many different varieties can be observed.

**Lodging:** Rent-A-Camp Cabins, Electric Campground, Primitive Horse Camp, Primitive Canoe Campground, and Primitive Youth Camp.

**General visitor profile:** Low tech, ecologically conscious Family Groups interested in economical recreation. Adult campers interested in quiet, restful recreation.

### Potential arts venues:

- River Picnic Area – The River provides an ideal backdrop, electricity is available through the Nature Center, and Shelter house is available in the event of bad weather.
- Campground Program Area – Convenient area for campers and electricity is available from Campground Comfort Station. Not easily accessible for visitors not camping.

**Visitation in FY2014:** 118,000

**Nearby Communities:** Winamac, Bass Lake, Knox, North Judson

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